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| For: | Hollow fiber membrane module, hollow fiber membrane module unit, and water treatment method | | |

Supplement to IDS filed with RCE

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Applicants have concurrently filed an RCE and an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS"). The IDS identifies U.S. Patents and Japanese patent documents. JP H04-026886B is cited in the present specification. A communication issued in a related foreign application less than a month ago, and, upon information and belief, the remaining JP documents listed in the IDS were cited in said communication. Applicants counsel will be filing a further IDS based on information from the file history of USSN 11/581,566 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,491,329).

I hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any omitted fee required to effect entry of this Amendment, including application processing, extension, extra claims, statutory disclaimer, issue, and publication fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 with reference to Order No. 7412-88137.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

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- ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

37 CFR 1.97(c)

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☐ None

SIGNATURE

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

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